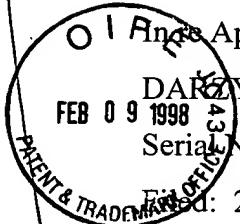


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On page 6, line 4 after "synthesis" insert ;; panel labeled "BrdUTP" shows the results
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shows the results of incorporating nucleotides directly labeled with the fluorescent dye BODIPY;